

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WALL STREET.  
SATURDAY, APRIL 9, A. P. M.  
The week closed upon a dull state of affairs in all the markets save the gold market.

The advance in the foreign exchange which was sustained throughout the business of today led to a strong market at the opening of the Gold Room, and as the day progressed a prominent broker, who was said to be buying for a new clique movement, purchased several millions in lots ranging from ten thousand to half a million of dollars. Under this stimulus the price advanced to 113 1/2, but declined to 113 1/4 at the close, when the broker referred to left the market. The transactions after his departure were not of great moment, however.

The market for gold was not of great moment, however. The dealers in gold have been furnished with fresh matter for agitation in the facts submitted to them during the day. The dullness at the close was the result of a fear to take steps either way, and a desire to postpone operations until more of the movement is seen next week. The foreign exchange market was fairly active, even after the steamer, on the basis of 100 for prime bankers' sixty day sterling and 100 1/2 for sight. These were the lowest quotations and 100 1/2 for sight. These were the lowest quotations and 100 1/2 for sight.

THE BANK STATEMENT.  
The weekly statement of the associated banks is again unfavorable. Despite the fact that the domestic exchanges continue to favor this city, and that the money markets of Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, New Orleans, and all the large cities are working easily, there is a loss in legal tenders of about two and a half millions, and a falling off in deposits of over four and a half millions. Speculative manipulation is therefore very evident. The banks lose a million in specie, while the surplus over the legal reserve is reduced about \$2,400,000. The last two statements are as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Loans, Specie, Circulation, Deposits, Legal tenders, and various sub-items.

STOCKS STRONG AND DULL.  
The stock market was extremely dull, but prices advanced in sympathy with gold. There was a tendency to a reaction after the bank statement, but, after suddenly taking a sharp upward movement, prices closed steady at the improved rates. It is suspected that the gold movement is the work of the stock chieftains, who began to feel the pulse of the market to-day preparatory to a campaign in stocks, if they display sharply, and by holding gold will force the shorts to cover. If the shorts intend to find their way to the advance in gold to sell stocks and closing to the public. The following were the closing prices at the last session of the board:—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Rows include various stocks like American Express, United States Express, etc.

GOVERNMENTS STRONG.  
The rise in gold led to firmness and higher prices in the government market, the 6 7/8 touching 110, the best figures being maintained even after gold had reacted at the close. The latest street prices were as follows:—United States currency sixes, 111 1/4; do, 1881, registered, 114 1/4; do, coupon, 114 1/4; do, 114 1/4; do, five-twelves, registered, May and November, 106 1/4; do, 1862, coupon, do, 111 1/4; do, 112; do, 1864, do, 110 1/4; do, 110 1/4; do, 1865, do, 110 1/4; do, 111; do, 1866, do, 109 1/4; do, 1867, do, 109 1/4; do, 1868, do, 109 1/4; do, 1869, do, 109 1/4; do, 1870, do, 109 1/4; do, 1871, do, 109 1/4; do, 1872, do, 109 1/4; do, 1873, do, 109 1/4; do, 1874, do, 109 1/4; do, 1875, do, 109 1/4; do, 1876, do, 109 1/4; do, 1877, do, 109 1/4; do, 1878, do, 109 1/4; do, 1879, do, 109 1/4; do, 1880, do, 109 1/4; do, 1881, do, 109 1/4; do, 1882, do, 109 1/4; do, 1883, do, 109 1/4; do, 1884, do, 109 1/4; do, 1885, do, 109 1/4; do, 1886, do, 109 1/4; do, 1887, do, 109 1/4; do, 1888, do, 109 1/4; do, 1889, do, 109 1/4; do, 1890, do, 109 1/4; do, 1891, do, 109 1/4; do, 1892, do, 109 1/4; do, 1893, do, 109 1/4; do, 1894, do, 109 1/4; do, 1895, do, 109 1/4; 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